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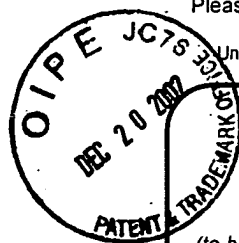
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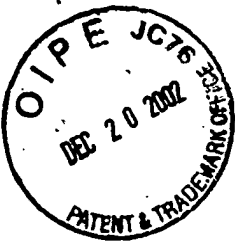
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Sir:

This Response is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed September 24, 2002. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-16, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,790,633 to Kinser, Jr. et al. (hereinafter "Kinser"). Claims 4, 17, 19, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kinser in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,353,902 to Kulatunge et al. (hereinafter "Kulatunge"). Claims 1, 13, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kulatunge. Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kinser. Applicants respectfully traverse the Office's rejections. Consideration of the present claims is requested in view of the following remarks.

A. Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-16, and 18

The Office has rejected claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-16, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kinser. Claims 1, 13, and 18 are independent. Claims 2-3, 5-9, 11, and 12 depend ultimately from claim 1. Claims 14-16 depend ultimately from claim 13. The Office's rejection of independent claims 1, 13, and 18 is respectfully traversed.